

# GULF COAST BREEZE.

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## EDITORIAL.

Yellow fever has invaded Montgomery in spite of all precautions.

The Luetgert jury made a mistake. 9 stood for conviction and 3 for acquittal.

We can afford to let well enough alone, and keep our state board of health.

The General public ought to be excluded from the court room during such trials as the Luetgert case.

No monkey show nor grand theater performance ever drew such crowds in Chicago as the Luetgert trial is drawing.

General Blanco, the newly appointed governor general of Cuba cannot make Cuba much blanner than Weyler has made it.

The Tallahasseean is standing pat on the splendid reputation that it has made for itself. A good reputation of its own making is a mighty solid base upon which to rest a public journal.

The degrading effect of attending a murder trial was more clearly demonstrated this week by the crowd that gathered to hear the disgusting details in the Luetgert trial.

The Cubans, encouraged by their recent victories and the confusion in Spain are putting in some extra hard fighting in the hope of "pacifying" Havana and other Spanish strongholds.

No compromise government will be accepted by the Cuban patriots. They know Spain too well to rely on any promises that she may make. Absolute freedom, or death, is their motto.

If you don't believe in a man's religion, you need not adopt it. Don't kick up a row with him, go on with yours and let him teach his, and God will take care of the creed that is most acceptable to him.

Governor Bloxham refuses to suspend Peter O. Knight, county solicitor of Hillsboro county, upon the petition of the Law and Order Society. A stronger petition it seems was sent up in his favor.

If the world depends on England to remonetize silver, or waits for her to take any action tending in that direction, the silver advocates might as well go to hanging their harps on a weeping willow bush.

Treasurer Feaster, of Brevard county, must have been feasting on too many good things and costly viands. The county commissioners have figured him out ten thousand dollars short in his account with the county.

There are lots of people in the world silly enough it seems, to still believe that the Spaniards, while in possession of Florida had nothing to do but prance around hiding pots of gold for future generations to dig after.

## The Serious Side.

It is gallant and funny too, for Carl Decker, the New York Journal correspondent, to go to Cuba, break open a Spanish prison and release a prisoner of war, who happened to be a female, but suppose Spain makes a formal demand on this government for the return of her prisoner and the breaker of her prison, as she has a perfect right to do under existing laws and treaties, what is Carl and the Journal going to do about it?

## Our's The Safest.

The reply of Governor Bloxham to the proposition to merge the state Board of Health into a National Board, was forceable and to the point. He simply pointed to the fact that Florida's State Board had kept the fever out of this state ever since its formation, and the further fact that fever had slipped by the U. S. Marine Quarantine Stations and gotten into other states, therefore he could see no good reason for desiring a change.

## An Ally To Poverty.

In Ireland socialism has grown at a rapid pace, yet to look for any good which it has wrought would be in vain. It cannot do away with Ireland's famines or her national misery. It only excites what it cannot allay, "cul' bono?"

It not only excites what it cannot allay, but breeds and fosters a spirit of unrest and confusion that tends to make famines possible in any land.

## No Hope For Them.

After a man has become thoroughly bad, reformation seems impossible with him, several convicts in the Pennsylvania penitentiary were detected the other day with a complete outfit making counterfeit money. Thus committing crime while undergoing punishment for crime.

## Where is Her Hubby?

Mrs. Josephine K. Henry, of Kentucky, bobs up serenely as a candidate for president of the United States and promises unlimited gold, silver, and paper money, if she is elected. Promises on that line can be made with perfect impunity by a woman.

## Teasing The British Lion.

The starvation and death of W. Hughes, the London newspaper correspondent, on the streets of Havana, after being robbed and maltreated by Spanish guerrillas, is charged up to Spain's account, and the roar of the British Lion is listened for.

The catching of a fifteen foot shark with a coil in its stomach that it had swallowed a few hours before, together with a lot of old paper and trash, and a piece of iron wire, sounds pretty fishy, but Key West claims it as a solid fact.

What's the matter with Tampa? Her Law and Order Society and the lawyers, Judges, and officials don't seem to be pulling in the same direction.

## GENERAL NEWS.

The Mediterranean sea is again infested with pirates.

The Sugar cane chewers of DeFuria devour 248 stalks a day.

Annexation to the United States is now the popular theme in Cuba.

Two more filibustering expeditions left the Texas coast this week for Cuba.

Miss Cisneros has taken out naturalization papers and is now an American citizen.

The Florida exhibit at Nashville has attracted much attention and elicited the highest praise.

George M. Pullman, of Pullman sleeping car fame, died last Wednesday of heart disease.

Another storm passed over the Gulf the first of this week, but it went on up North to do all of its mischief.

The state Capital of Alabama has been moved to Birmingham, until the fever subsides at Montgomery.

Winsor Canada was wiped out of existence this week by fire, and three thousand people are left homeless.

It is estimated that the potato crop of the United States this year is 30 per cent. short of last years crop.

Nine long weeks have been taken up in the trial of Luetgert, and it has cost money enough to buy several fine farms in Wakulla.

Charles A. Dana, the veteran editor of the New York Sun, one of the best known newspaper men in America, died this week.

Col. Tom Loyd, a Floridaized Georgia Cracker, was chosen to address the Ocala barbecue and horse swapping convention.

Two negroes were strung up near Somerville, Ga. last week for arson, but they succeeded in proving their innocence, and were released.

George Eugene Bryson has gotten back to Florida, having been expelled from Cuba for the part he played in the release of Miss Cisneros.

The Chicago court house was almost wrecked Wednesday by a mob of cranky, spectators, trying to secure souvenirs of the Luetgert trial. A taste so depraved ought to be checked.

N. F. Roberston and B. H. Williams, two farmers living near Folkston Ga. fell out over a trivial matter Wednesday and murdered each other. After being shot through the heart Robinson, who was the aggressor, rushed on Williams and stabbed him fatally.

A Chicago man is playing the flypaper racket on the microbes. He coated a pane of glass with a sticky substance, and hung it on a lamp post. He got 250 victims, some of which were harmless and some of the kind that gives us hay fever. At a bicyclists' resort he collected 500 microbes in three minutes. At the corner of Jackson and Michigan Avenues he got 180. He now has a large collection, having once on a crowded corner secured 2,240 on a single plate. He says Chicago's air is saturated with microbes many of them the cause of catarrhal troubles. And yet the North and West talk about our little yellow fever fellow—Times Union and Citizen.

## STATE NEWS.

Appalachicola seems to be well satisfied with the appointment of W. B. Shepard as collector of that port.

George Caraway, the engineer who cut the throat of a negro boy at Appalachicola recently, was indicted this week for murder.

A grand celebration was given by the Cubans of Tampa a few nights ago in honor of the American newspapers that have advocated the cause of Cuba.

Digging for "hidden Spanish treasures" is now going on as lively in Levy county, as if that old "hidden treasure" foolishness had not been exploded long ago.

John Jackson, a bold bad negro recently shot by the deputy sheriff of Leon county while resisting arrest, died Sunday from the effect of his wounds.

Tallahassee is to have "The siege of Vicksburg," presented tonight, by home talent assisted and directed by Manager Wyndham the author of that drama.

The Horse Swapping Convention at Ocala this week was a big success. Many a fellow went there and swapped off his old wornout plug and got a worse one.

The water hyacinths, which have been blockading the rivers of South Florida and proving a great plague to boatmen, are now beginning to rot and produce fever.

Governor Bloxham sat down pretty flatly on the Pensacola board of health for taking the quarantine business in to their own hands instead of co-operating with the state board.

The snakeiest snake story comes from Vero Fla. There Messrs. Howard and Anis killed three snakes until they were tired and built a fire over the den and cremated them by the millions.

The Quincy New Era says; that there are fully a half million pounds of tobacco of this year's crop still in the hands of the farmers of Gadsden county subject to be sold to the highest bidder.

At Madison court last week Isaiah Larkin, colored, was sent to the penitentiary for life for murder. Robert Tooke colored went for fifteen years for house burning, and J. W. Shackelford was fined \$50 for passing a counterfeit dollar.

R. W. Wilkes, who escaped hanging for murder on a plea of insanity, is now trying to prove that he is all right and ought to be let out of the lunatic asylum at Chattahoochee. He ought to be taken ought and tried now for murder.

Joe Frazee has an alligator farm on the St. John's river, and has sold five hundred dollars worth of baby alligators during the past summer. It took 5000 of the little saurians to bring that much money.

A liberal offer has been made to the steamer Three Friends, to tow cattle schooners into Havana, but Capt. Broward fears that his filibustering reputation would not be a safe thing to go into Havana on.

Jose Valerio, a Cuban negro cigar maker in Jacksonville, hearing so much about negroes being lynched in this country, became possessed with the hallucination that lynchers were after him, and to save himself he committed suicide Tuesday by hanging.

A billy goat has gotten Alfred Rivers, a colored citizen of Jacksonville into a peck trouble. Alfred received a letter addressed to Laura Floyd, one of his neighbors, and while he stood at the gate talking politics with another colored politician his pet billy goat walked up and ate the letter. Now Laura has Alfred locked up in the U. S. prison for destroying her letter, which she says contained money.

## Senator Jones At Rest.

The death of U. S. Senator Charles W. Jones, in an insane asylum at Detroit Michigan was indeed a sad ending of a life once full of brilliancy and promise.

Senator Jones began to rise from the time that he entered the U. S. Senate as Florida's honorable representative, and in a remarkably short time, his ability and superior worth was recognized by every member of congress and his reputation as a constitutional lawyer and able debater soon spread all over the land.

He was a hard worker, and having risen from a poor Irish boy to the highest office, within the reach of a foreigner, in the United States, his ambition urged him on to such strenuous efforts, that his great mind broke down under the strain.

His infatuation for Miss Palms, of Detroit, who rejected his attentions, brought upon him a shower of sarcastic ridicule from the newspapers all over the land, which no doubt added to his failing mentality, which was at that time not known to any except a few of his most intimate friends.

It was discovered later on that his strange and persistent infatuation for one who rejected him, was the result of an already overtaxed and failing mind, and that his insanity was not the result of the infatuation.

He never came back to Florida, until carried to Pensacola last week for burial.

Remember that the Bug blows for all, and for every section of Wakulla county alike. It is our desire and intention to waft it into the home of every citizen of the county. If possible, sample copies have been sent to the head of every family in the county whose address we could learn. If they have failed to get a copy, they can get a sample free of charge by sending us their address.

My Fall and Winter stock of Dry Goods is now complete. I have a nice line of calicoes, ginghams, cotton plaids, bleaching, sea islands, shirtings, chevots, stripes, tickings, sheetings, pants goods, cambrics, linings, flannels, blankets, gents and ladies' underwear. Also nice line of ladies' dress goods at.

—W. W. Walker's.

## New-Hard-wareStore.

We have recently opened up a new hardware store next door to the Tallahasseean office. A full line of all kinds of Hardware, Agricultural Implements, Stoves, Tinware, &c. Also Lime, Cement, Plaster, Brick and Hair.

Call and see us.

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